

REMARKS

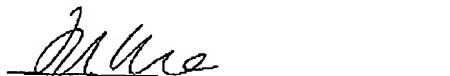
The Office Action of 07/20/2007 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the present remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 7-9 were rejected as being unpatentable over Jacobs in view of Kinkel. Claims 4-6 were rejected as being unpatentable over the same combination further in view of Narumi. The claims have been amended to more clearly distinguish over the cited references. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In particular, the claims have been amended to recite in part "deriving a digital measure of the level of the input signal from the level of the output signal." This is quite different from setting the gain of a variable gain amplifier in response to the output signal of a receive chain as disclosed in Jacobs.

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-9 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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